

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**Information and Management Services Division
Management Services Branch**

**Resolution No. M-4810
December 18, 2003**

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION M-4810. ADOPTING LEVEL OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION UTILITIES REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-04

Section 431 of the Public Utilities Code provides:

“The commission shall annually determine a fee to be paid by every electrical, gas, telephone, telegraph, water, sewer system, and heat corporation and every other public utility providing service directly to customers and subscribers and subject to the jurisdiction of the commission other than a railroad, except as provided in Article 2 (commencing with Section 421).”

The Commission finds that, effective January 1, 2004, for fiscal year 2003-04, the Public Utilities Commission Utilities Reimbursement Account fees should be fixed as follows:

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| Electrical Corporations | .012 ¢/kWh |
| Gas Corporations | .076 ¢/therm |
| Heat Corporations | 1.4 ¢/thousand lbs steam |
| Telephone and Telegraph Corporations | .11% of revenue |
| Water and Sewer System Corporations | 1.4% of revenue (.014) |

The rates for Electrical, Gas and Heat Corporations represent a return to the levels last set for fiscal year 2001-02. The rates for Telephone, Water and Sewer System Corporations are unchanged from the fiscal year 2002-03 rates.

For administrative efficiency, we will allow utilities that are subject to these reimbursement fees to file a revised tariff schedule in compliance with this resolution and in accordance with the provisions of G.O. 96-A within 10 days from the date of this Order. These advice letters shall become effective January 1, 2004.

The estimated fund reserve at June 30, 2004, will be \$23,459,000. See Appendix A.

In accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 311(g), the Information and Management Services Division commenced publication of a Daily Calendar notice on November 18, 2003, that apprised the public of the availability of its draft of this Resolution and solicited submission of comments by December 8, 2003.

NRG Energy Center of San Francisco (ECSF), a Heat Corporation, submitted comments

recommending that the Heat Corporations be separated in the resolution from the Gas Corporations and that the fee level for Heat Corporations be evaluated separately from Gas Corporations. The fee basis for Heat Corporations (thousand lbs of steam) is different than the fee basis for Gas Corporations (therms). ECSF is currently the only Heat Corporation regulated by the Commission and the level of regulatory effort required to regulate ECSF is different than the effort required for Gas Corporations. ECSF did not recommend a change in the proposed fee level for Heat Corporations. ECSF's recommendations are reasonable and will be adopted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. For the fiscal year 2003-04, effective January 1, 2004, the fees provided for in Section 431 of the Public Utilities Code are hereby fixed at the following levels:

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| Electrical Corporations | .012 ¢/kWh |
| Gas Corporations | .076 ¢/therm |
| Heat Corporations | 1.4 ¢/thousand lbs steam |
| Telephone and Telegraph Corporations | .11% of revenue |
| Water and Sewer System Corporations | 1.4% of revenue (.014) |

2. For fiscal year 2003-04, utility fees are due July 15, October 15, January 15 and April 15.
3. Within 10 days from the date of this Order, the utilities subject to this Resolution shall file an advice letter with the applicable Industry Division to make all necessary tariff changes required by this Order. The advice letter shall be effective January 1, 2004, subject to the applicable Industry Division determining that it is in compliance with this Order.

I hereby certify that the Public Utilities Commission adopted this Resolution at the meeting on December 18, 2003. The following Commissioners approved it:

WILLIAM R. AHERN
Executive Director

MICHAEL R. PEEVEY
President
CARL W. WOOD
LORETTA M. LYNCH
GEOFFREY F. BROWN
SUSAN P. KENNEDY
Commissioners

APPENDIX A

FUND CONDITION

**0462 – PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION UTILITIES REIMBURSEMENT
ACCOUNT**

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| Actual Reserve, June 30, 2003 | \$14,961,000 |
| Estimated 2003-04 Revenues: | |
| Quarterly Fees | \$67,634,000 |
| Increased Quarterly Fees – 2 Quarters (Electric & Gas) | 33,079,000 |
| Sale of Documents | 57,000 |
| Income from Surplus Money Investment Fund | 287,000 |
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| Total, Revenues | <u>\$101,057,000</u> |
| Transfers From Other Funds: | |
| Propane Safety Fund | 80,000 |
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| Total Revenues and Transfers | <u>101,137,000</u> |
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| Total Resources | <u>\$116,098,000</u> |
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| 2003-04 Expenditures: | |
| Public Utilities Commission | \$74,774,000 |
| Repayment of General Fund Loan | 15,000,000 |
| Total, Public Utilities Commission | <u>\$89,774,000</u> |
| Electricity Oversight Board | 3,017,000 |
| Section 4.10 reduction – (EOB) | (152,000) |
| Total, Expenditures | <u>92,639,000</u> |
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| Estimated Reserve, June 30, 2004 | <u>\$23,459,000</u> |